



## Parkland Dedication

### FACT SHEET

The information below is provided as an overview of the Parkland Dedication Program at the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC).

The City of Austin has a goal of providing parkland to all city residents within a 1/4 mile walk within the Urban Core and a 1/2 mile walk for the rest of the city ([see Resolution 20091119-068](#)). To make this possible, the City passed a Parkland Dedication Ordinance in 1985, then updated it in 2007 and, most recently, in 2016 (Ordinance 20160128-086). Parkland dedication (PLD) is a local government requirement mandating that developers of new residential developments and hotel-motel developments dedicate land for a park and/or pay a fee to be used to acquire and develop park facilities. The decision as to whether land must be dedicated or fees-in-lieu may be paid is determined by the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department based on the Parkland Dedication Ordinance and [Parkland Dedication Operating Procedures](#).

Austin's PLD Ordinance uses a formula that determines how much parkland a developer will have to dedicate and/or the amount of fees-in-lieu to be paid. The formula takes into consideration the number of planned living units and the density of the planned development, as indicated below:

$$9.4 \times (\# \text{ of Dwelling Units}) \times (\text{density})/1000 = \text{acres of land}$$

OR

$$\$872.58\text{-}\$1,774.32 \text{ (depending on density)} \times (\# \text{ of Dwelling Units}) = \text{fee-in-lieu}$$

A parkland development fee is also collected as part of PLD; it is to be spent to develop recreational amenities at neighborhood parks or on parkland to be dedicated by a development.

As of May 2019:

- **approximately 64% of Austin's residents are within walking distance of a park;**
- **over \$13.4 million in fees have been collected since October 2017;**
- **over 45 acres of parkland have been dedicated October 2017 using PLD; and**
- **almost 2,000 acres have been dedicated since 1985 using PLD**

#### Website

For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/parkland-dedication>

[Parkland Dedication Ordinance 20160128-086](#)

#### Contact Information

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